

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 3743 – HB 3826

March 26, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015053): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the legislative body of a municipality or county meeting certain specifications, to levy an additional \$1.00 litigation tax per case. Directs that the tax be denominated as a part of the court costs for each petition, warrant, and citation in matters before the general sessions and juvenile courts. Requires any such revenue be used by the county for the purpose of supporting a local victim-offender mediation center or centers. Requires the funds to be distributed on a monthly basis.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,200

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$6,200

Increase Local Revenue - \$31,300

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,200

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$6,200

Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$31,300

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Comptroller, the affected counties collected the \$1.00 tax for a total of \$31,344 in FY10-11. If all legislative bodies raise the tax an additional \$1.00, the recurring increase in local revenue will exceed \$31,344.
- According to the Department of Human Services, the Child Support Program filed 9,419 petitions in the courts affected by this bill in 2011. The state is responsible for 34 percent of the fee, with a 66 percent federal match.

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- Therefore, the recurring increase in state expenditures is approximately \$3,202 (9,419 cases x \$1.00 x 34%), and the recurring increase in federal expenditures is approximately \$6,217 (9,419 cases x \$1 x 66%).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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